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SUBJ: BELGIAN REACTIONS TO BRIEFING ON U. S. TRADE LEGISLATION

1. DURING VISIT OF SECRETARY SHULTZ, AMBASSADOR MALMGREN AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY WORTHINGTON GAVE FONOFF DIRGEN FOR FOREIGN TRADE, DE DOBBELEER, EXTENSIVE BRIEFING ON PROPOSED U. S. TRADE LEGISLATION. DE DOBBELEER HAD WITH HIM FOR BRIEFING COLLINS, WHO HANDLES EC MATTERS IN FONOFF, AND STUYCK, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF GATT AFFAIRS.

2. THE BELGIANS HAD NO PROBLEM WITH THE OVERALL APPROACH OF THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION. DE DOBBELEER WAS ESPECIALLY IMPRESSED BY THE FACT THAT ENACTMENT OF THE LEGISLATION WOULD LEAVE BROAD POWERS FOR INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATION. HE CONSIDERED THIS ASPECT
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TO BE ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT AND ONE WORTH IMPRESSING ON OUR TRADING PARTNERS SINCE, IN DE DOBBELEER'S OPINION, THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION WAS NOT AGGRESSIVE IN ITSELF.

3. ONLY SPECIFIC COMMENT WAS PERSONAL SKEPTICISM EXPRESSED BY DE DOBBELEER ON THE EMPLOYMENT OF SELECTIVE MEASURES BY COUNTRY TO DEAL WITH BALANCE- OF- PAYMENTS PROBLEMS. HE COULD UNDERSTAND THE SELECTIVE APPROACH BY PRODUCT BUT CONSIDERMAKE ANY COMPENSATION PAID UNDER THOSE PARAGRAPHS SUBJECT TO DE SURCHARGE OF 7 1/2 PERCENT. IN PRESENTING THESE PROPOSALS TO FCO, WE THEREFORE TOOK PRECAUTION OF MAKING THEM SUBJECT TO WRITTEN UNDERSTANDING THAT NO DE'S WOULD BE CHARGED ON COMPENSATION PAID BY U. S. UNDER THESE PARAGRAPHS. FCO HAS AGREED TO THIS, AND WE INTEND TO ACCOMPLISH IT BY EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN EMBASSY AND FCO PRIOR TO SIGNATURE OF EXCHANGE OF NOTES.

4. WE PLAN TO PROCEED TO SIGNATURE AS SOON AS MECHANICS CAN BE ARRANGED UNLES DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTS TO CONTRARY. UK MUST OBTAIN MINISTERIAL APPROVAL FOR FINAL TEXT, BUT WE HOPE THIS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. ANNENBERG

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